

1                   **INFORMATION EXTRACTION SYSTEM, INFORMATION PROCESSING**  
2                   **APPARATUS, INFORMATION COLLECTION APPARATUS, CHARACTER STRING**  
3                   **EXTRACTION METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM**

4                   Abstract

5   The present invention permits users to obtain detailed  
6   information concerning those portions of web contents in which  
7   they are most interested and provides an information extraction  
8   system. In an embodiment, the information extraction system  
9   comprises a server and a client, connected via a communication  
10   network, wherein the server provides a data file for a client  
11   to browse; and wherein the client includes a browser for  
12   displaying the contents of the data file that is received from  
13   the server via the communication network, an operation event  
14   detection analyzer for detecting a predetermined specific  
15   operation based on a user's operation when the user reads the  
16   contents of the data file displayed by the browser, and a text  
17   extractor for extracting information that is displayed at a  
18   location whereat the specific operation that is detected by the  
19   operation event analyzer is performed on a display screen of  
20   the browser.